



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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ATTENTION: Park & Recreation Board
Agenda of May 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Streamlining of Council Policy 600-33: (Community Notification and
Input for City-Wide Park Development Projects)

About the policy

- Purpose of the Council Policy 600-33
 - To assure that community members have adequate advance notification and opportunity to participate in the design phase of the park development projects.
 - This is a critical policy that is effective at notifying and engaging the community during the park improvement projects development process
 - The GDP is a conceptual master plan for a park's design. The GDP is used in presentations to Park and Recreation advisory bodies, as a basis for public project assessment and environmental documentation, and as the exhibit on which the Construction Plans will be based on.

Recent Experiences

- The duration and cost of GDP's has increased significantly
 - Time intensive
 - Spans upwards of a year or more
 - Cost
 - costs upwards of \$250K
- Applies the same level of effort to all Parks facilities regardless of:
 - Facility Type/ Use
 - Nature of Improvement
 - Replacement, expansion, new
 - Size (large or small)
 - Complexity/Topography (e.g. environmental/ next to sensitive habitat vs not, developed vs undeveloped property, historical significance,...)
 - Urgency (e.g. funding deadlines)

Impact of the Above

- Increases the total project cost
- The Duration of the GDP phase has a direct impact on the total project cost.
- As the duration of the GDP phase increases, the project takes on the risks of inflation, added regulations, and the administration charges for the duration of the process
- Increases in the total project cost can place projects on hold until funding is identified.
- Reduces the amenities that can be implemented within available project budget and forces the GDP to be implemented in phases.

Objectives of this Effort

- Solicit input for improvement and streamlining
 - From the park advisory bodies involved in the Council Policy 600-33
- Amend the council policy to provide:
 - Flexibility of the process due to size or complexity of the project
 - Shorten the GDP phase based on type of improvement
 - Reduce cost impacts

Community Outreach Options

- Want to maximize outreach to capture the opportunities to streamline
- Have limited number of staff and hours to apply on this process
- Seeking P&R Board's recommendation on outreach approach:
 - Option 1 - Ad hoc committee with representation from
 - P&R Board
 - City of San Diego
 - Park & Recreation Department
 - Planning Department
 - Public Works
 - Option 2 - Presentations to a limited number of key committees
 - P&R Board
 - Planning Commission
 - Community Planners Committee
 - Option 2 – All Inclusive Workshop with stakeholder groups from Park Advisory Bodies
 - *(Can establish an email account or web site to collect ideas)*

Timeline

- The intent would be to implement one of the above options within a 6 month time frame
 - Meeting 1 - Discuss the issues of concern
 - Meeting 2 - Propose draft recommendations
 - Meeting 3 – Finalize recommendations
 - Take the recommendations to the Mayor’s Office and Council for consideration and approval
 - Prepare a draft Council Policy 600-33 Amendment

We thank you for your time and look forward to working with you on this effort and hearing your recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,



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